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SAN FRANCISCO DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE

Late Reports Indicate Conditions in San Francisco and Surrounding Country are Much Worse Than at First Reported.

FLAMES ARE UNCHECKED Thousands of Lives Lost and Hundreds of Millions Worth of Property Destroyed. CLIFF HOUSE GONE

Noted Stone Hostelry Swept Into the Sea. SHOCK SEVERE OVER TERRITORY SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES IN EXTENT--SANTA CRUZ, SAN JOSE, MONTEREY AND GILROY SUFFER SEVERELY--SANTA ROSA DESTROYED--SAN FRANCISCO IN DANGER OF UTTER DESTRUCTION.

SOME OF WORLD'S GREATEST EARTHQUAKES. Table with columns for Location, Year, and Killed.

made San Francisco famous over the world has been laid in ruins or burned to the ground in the dire catastrophe. Never has the fate of a city been more disastrous. For three miles along the water front the buildings have been swept clean and tonight the blackened beams and skeletons of factories and offices stand silhouetted against a black ground of flames that is slowly spreading over the city.

NOTED CLIFF HOUSE SWEEPED INTO THE SEA. San Francisco, April 18.—The Cliff House, the great pleasure resort and show place of the city, which stood upon a foundation of solid rock has been swept into the sea. Nothing stands to tell where the monster stone building once stood.

THOUSANDS RUSHING TO HILLS FOR SAFETY. San Francisco, April 18.—At ten o'clock tonight the fire in unbailed and thousands are steering to the hills and clamoring for places on ferry boats to cross the bay. It is believed the damage has reached two hundred million dollars, and fifty thousand people are homeless.

NIGHT ADDS TO THE HORRORS OF SITUATION. San Francisco, April 18.—Night added to the horrors as darkness fell. The sky is illuminated in all directions. The flames have spread into the residence districts and the people have left their homes and fled to the parks and squares.

MANY CITIES HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY. Oakland, April 18.—At San Jose the Yosemite Hotel annex was badly wrecked and ten or fifteen persons killed. The Doherty block is completely burned and two were killed there. Every business building in the city is demolished and the city is under martial law. It is estimated that fifty have been killed.

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THE QUEEN CITY OF THE GOLDEN GATE. The city of San Francisco is the commercial metropolis of California and is situated on the west shore of San Francisco bay six miles from the ocean. The population according to the last census was 342,782. Lines of ocean steamers connect with many points in the orient, South America and Mexico, giving it a very large foreign and domestic commerce. It also has important whaling and fishery interests. The manufactures of the city of San Francisco are numerous and important, the largest being sugar, cigars, boots and shoes, breweries, clothing, flouring mills, fruit canneries, wire cable works, foundry and machine shops, sash, door and blind factories, woolen mills, etc., and an extensive ship building works.

vicinity of Mint and Post-office destroyed. New York, April 18.—The Western Union operator in San Francisco states the whole district in the vicinity of the post office and mint has been destroyed.

SECOND EARTHQUAKE CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE. Los Angeles, April 18.—Official information from the office of the Superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railway this afternoon says a dispatch was received there dated San Francisco at 2:45 p. m., transmitted over crossed wires, to the effect that additional earthquakes were experienced there this afternoon and that terrible damage has been done.

INSANE ASYLUM AT AGNEWS DEMOLISHED. Los Angeles, April 18.—News from Niles confirms the report that the insane asylum at Agnews has been demolished.

LOSS TO 4 P. M. ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED MILLION. San Francisco, April 18.—The latest reports at police headquarters show the entire district surrounded by Vallejo, East and Sansome streets, embracing practically the entire wholesale district has been swept by fire. The district bounded by Market, Eighth and Folsom streets has been devastated. In the latter district was included most of the city's finest and most substantial buildings.

ANOTHER SHOCK FELT IN CITY OF OAKLAND. Oakland, April 18.—(8:45 p. m.)—Another sharp earthquake shock has just been felt on this side of the bay. It lasted about five seconds.

LUNATICS ROAMING ABOUT IN A STATE OF PANIC. San Francisco, April 18.—A San Jose railroad man reports that the insane asylum at Agnews is a total wreck, many inmates being killed. Seven hundred persons were in the building. This report has been officially confirmed and it is added that scores of the inmates who escaped are roaming the country in a state of panic.

SAN FRANCISCO CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD. Washington, April 18.—Secretary of War Taft was advised by the Western Union tonight that there was no communication with San Francisco by any route. The Western Union has its chief office in Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO IS PRACTICALLY DEMOLISHED. New York, April 18.—According to dispatches received here by the Western Union Telegraph Company, the

whole city of San Francisco is about gone, especially that portion south of Market street.

EARTHQUAKE WAS NOT FELT IN LOS ANGELES. Los Angeles, April 18.—From inquiries received in this city from points in the east it appears that the impression has gone out that the earthquake which caused such devastation in San Francisco this morning also affected Los Angeles and other California points.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED AT SAN JOSE. Oakland, April 18.—Reports from San Jose indicate that the shock was severe there. Many buildings were demolished and much loss of life is reported.

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ROOSEVELT ON BEEF TRUST DECISION

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By Associated Press. Washington, April 18.—In a special message delivered to congress today President Roosevelt declares the result of the recent trial of beef packers at Chicago, a "miscarriage of justice" and that the construction placed by Judge Humphrey on the will of congress is such as "to make that will absolutely abortive."

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OTHER ELECTIONS. St. Petersburg Selected as the Next Meeting Place.

TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE IS SENT STRICKEN ODD FELLOWS IN CALIFORNIA--THE GRAND LODGE SESSION WILL TERMINATE TO-DAY--RECEPTION AND BALL A SOCIAL FEATURE.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows yesterday elected officers to serve for the ensuing year, and selected St. Petersburg as the next place of meeting.

The following were elected to serve as grand officers for the ensuing year: L. J. Lester, Tampa, grand master; J. W. White, Jacksonville, deputy grand master.

The selection of the next meeting place for the Grand Lodge was the first matter taken up at the afternoon session. Palatka, Ocala, and St. Petersburg were placed in nomination and the last named was the winner by a large majority on the first ballot.

One of the pleasing incidents of the session was the presentation to the Grand Master B. L. Baldwin of a fifty-year jewel. The presentation was made by Grand Master Binkley in behalf of the order. Mr. Baldwin has been a member of the Odd Fellows for the past fifty-seven years.

On motion the installation of officers was made a special order for this morning at 11 o'clock. Congratulations Received. During the afternoon session of telegram from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, expressing congratulations and best wishes for a harmonious and profitable session was received.

Sympathy for California. During the meeting the appalling catastrophe that befell San Francisco and the state of California was made known to the Grand Lodge. The following telegram was immediately sent: W. W. Phelps, Riverside, Cal.

The Grand Lodge of Florida now in annual session tender fraternal sympathy to our brethren in their distress. A. M. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

The Grand Lodge met last night in the new Odd Fellow's hall with the Rebekahs. To-day's Program. 9 a. m.—Closing Session of the Grand Lodge. 3 p. m.—Dedication of New Odd Fellow's Hall.

8 p. m.—Ball in honor of officers and members of the Grand Lodge at new Odd Fellow's Hall, corner of Belmont and Baylen streets.

duty assisting the police. The loss of life is probably one thousand. The best part of the residence district has not been burned. An order will go forward from the war department tomorrow to adjacent posts to carry out General Funston's recommendations.

FLAMES ARE SPREADING IN EVERY DIRECTION. Oakland, April 18.—At eight o'clock to-night the fire is increasing in violence and spreading in all directions in both the business and residence districts.

It is reported that while a building was being dynamited a premature explosion killed fifteen men. The Terminal hotel at the waterfront and Market streets fell to-day and

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